GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2681
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EXPORT OF TEA TO IRAQ
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea producers are now suffering a lot because of supplies to Iraq has been grounded;

(b) whether Letters of Credit for export of tea to Iraq have been received during the current year; and

(c) if so, the total amount of tea exported to Iraq during the current year till date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) The shipment of tea to Iraq suffered a setback due to the war in that country. The resulting fall in exports of Indian tea has adversely affected the Indian tea producers.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) : During the year 2003 i.e. from January to October 2003, tea exports from India to Iraq were 4.15 million kgs (value Rs. 25.99 crores).